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SUBJECT: ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON ISRAELI RESOLUTION

REF: GB.201/23/11;

1. ILO DG INTENDS TO RELEASE HIS REPORT THIS MORNING TO
THE CURRENT SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY ON FOLLOW UP TO 1974
CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL. HIS REPORT STATES THAT
LITTLE FURTHER CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AND HE RECOMMENDS
WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY
THAT THE GOVERNING BODY ACCEPT THIS PAPER AS COMPLETION OF
REPORT. USDEL EXPECTS THAT THE GOVERNING BODY WILL
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CONSIDER THE DG'S REPORT LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON OR

EVENING, NEAR THE END OF THIS PLENARY SESSION.
PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF THE REPORT FOLLOW IN PARA 2
BELOW. PARA 3 CONTAINS THE NOVEMBER 3 STATEMENT
BY ARAB DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL;
THE ARABS TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE RESOLUTION OF
1974 MUST BE IMPLEMENTED AND THAT STUDY AND GATHERING
OF INFORMATION BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IS A MIS-
INTERPRETATION BY HIM OF HIS OBLIGATION UNDER THE
1974 RESOLUTION.

2. PERTINENT PARAS REF. DOC.

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5. AFTER CAREFULLY REFLECTING ON THE STATUS
OF THIS MATTER, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS OF THE OPINION
THAT LITTLE CAN BE FURTHER ACCOMPLISHED BY THE OFFICE.
6. HAVING CONSULTED THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY,
THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL PROPOSES, WITH THEIR AGREEMENT,
THAT THIS COMPLETE HIS REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY,
AND RECOMMENDS THE GOVERNING BODY SO TO DECIDE. END TEXT.

3. TEXT OF NOVEMBER 3 STATEMENT BY ARAB DELEGATIONS
IN GENEVA TO DIRECTOR GENERAL:

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APPENDIX III

MEMORANDUM COMMUNICATED TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL BY
THE DELEGATIONS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES IN GENEVA
(RECEIVED ON 3 NOVEMBER 1976)
(TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC)

HAVING NOTED AND CAREFULLY STUDIED THE LETTER OF 27 SEPTEMBER
1976 FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR
OFFICE TO THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF
THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES IN GENEVA, THE ARAB DELEGATIONS
ACCREDITED TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA AND TO
THE SPECIALISED AGENCIES HAVE COME TOOO THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

I. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE
STILL BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE
POLICY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION
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FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS PRACTISED BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES
IN PALESTINE AND THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. IN A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED ON THE SUBJECT AT ITS 59TH (1974) SESSION THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF THE ILO -

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1. DECLARES THAT ANY OCCUPATION OF TERRITORY FOLLOWING
AGRESSION CONSTITUTES IN ITSELF A PERMANENT VIOLATION OF

BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN PARTICULAR OF TRADE UNION AND SOCIAL RIGHTS.

2. CONDEMNS THE POLICY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION FREEDOMS, IMPAIRING BASIC HUMAN FREEDOMS, WHICH THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ARE PURSUING AGAINST THE ARAB PEOPLES.

3. INVITES THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

(A) TO USE ALL THE MEANS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THESE VIOLATIONS AND DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES;

(B) TO TAKE ALL MEASURES CAPABLE OF GUARANTEEING THE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF THE ARAB WORKERS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

4. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO AN EARLY SESSION A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION."

II. IN THIS RESOLUTION THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS STILL REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL ALBOR CONFERENCE A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE MEASURES AND ACTION HE HAS TAKEN TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THESE VIOLATIONS AND DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AND TO GUARANTEE THE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF THE ARAB WORKERS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

III. IN VIEW OF THE CLEAR AND EXPLICIT WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION THE DELEGATIONS OF THE STATES WHICH ATTENDED THE 59TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE ILO AND WHICH ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION TAKE THE RESOLUTION TO MEAN THAT THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES CALLS FOR MORE THAN MERE STUDY AND GATHERING OF INFORMATION AND REQUIRED OF THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL CHARTERS AND TREATIES COMMITTED BY THE OCCUPYING AUTHORITIES.

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IV. THOUGH THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO CLARIFY THE MATTER AT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ILO AND A NUMBER OF ARAB AMBASSADORS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE ARAB GROUP, THE PERMANENT ARAB DELEGATIONS REGRET THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS INTERPRETING THE RESOLUTION IN A MANNER, WHICH IS AT VARIANCE WITH ITS WORDING AND GOES OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK WHICH IT SET.

V. THE ARAB DELEGATIONS WISH TO REASSERT THEIR FIRM BELIEF, EXPRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND PARTICULARLY IN THEIR LAST MEMORANDUM DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 1976, THAT ANY MEASURE TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WITH REGARD TO THE POSITION OF THE ARAB WORKERS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES SHOULD IN ALL CASES BE ENDORSED IN ADVANCE BY THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS, WHICH ARE SOVEREIGN OVER THEIR TERRITORIES, AND BY THE PALESTINE

LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AS THE LAWFUL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

THE PERMANENT ARAB DELEGATIONS ALSO UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE ANY
FACILITIES AND ASSISTANCE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL MAY REQUIRE TO
FULFILL HIS TASK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AND IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE AT ITS 59TH (1974) SESSION. END TEXT ABRAMS

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